

## **CHAPTER 15.1-18.1 TEACHER CERTIFICATION**

**15.1-18.1-01. Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Board" means the education standards and practices board.
2. "Certification" means national board certification as provided by the national board.
3. "National board" means the national board for professional teaching standards.

### **15.1-18.1-02. National board certification program - Recertification - Board duties.**

1. The board shall:
  - a. Inform teachers of the national board certification program and the scholarships and services the national board provides to teachers seeking certification.
  - b. Collect and review in the order received scholarship applications from individuals who are licensed to teach by the board or approved to teach by the board.
  - c.
    - (1) Approve no more than seventeen applications per year under this subsection;
    - (2) During each year of the biennium, reserve three of the available scholarships under this subsection for individuals teaching at low-performing schools;
    - (3) Require the recipient for a scholarship under this subsection to serve during the school year as a full-time classroom teacher in a public or nonpublic school in this state; and
    - (4) Require the recipient for a scholarship under this subsection to participate in mentoring programs developed and implemented in the employing school or school district.
  - d. Ensure that all scholarship recipients under this subsection receive adequate information regarding the level of commitment required to acquire certification.
2. The board shall collect and review in the order received scholarship applications for national board recertification from individuals who are licensed to teach by the board or approved to teach by the board and:
  - a. Approve no more than two scholarship applications per year under this subsection;
  - b. Require each recipient for a scholarship under this subsection to serve during the school year as a full-time classroom teacher in a public or nonpublic school in this state; and
  - c. Require each recipient for a scholarship under this subsection to participate in mentoring programs developed and implemented in the employing school or school district.
3. If any individual who receives a scholarship under this section does not complete the certification process within the time allotted by the board, the individual must



reimburse the state an amount equal to one-half of the amount awarded to the individual as a scholarship.

4. At the conclusion of each of the first four school years after an individual receives national board certification, the individual is entitled to receive an additional one thousand five hundred dollars if:
  - a. The individual served during the school year as a full-time classroom teacher in a public or nonpublic school; and
  - b. The individual participated in any efforts of the employing school district to develop and implement teacher mentoring programs.